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TO STATE EXTENSION EDITORS AND STATE OFFICE ASSISTANTS:

Enclosed is the second issue of the AAA Information Calendar, covering the month of July, and the tips about coming events and developments. This time we have also suggested some picture possibilities. We should like to state again that the calendar and tips are not complete, but that they indicate what is happening and emphasize parts of the AAA program on which information will be valuable during the period covered. You may wish to check with your State AAA Office about parts of this material which affect your State.

Sincerely yours,



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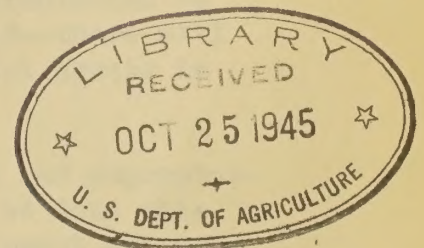
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AAA INFORMATION CALENDAR--FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1939

- Wheat Program:** July 1--Results of the wheat export program will be available. During the month--county and farm wheat allotments will be out. Work on farm plans will be under way in the winter wheat area. Parity payments on spring wheat will be made. Wheat loans will be subject of meetings in wheat states. (See special tips)
- Corn Program:** During July, and later, price adjustment payments will be made on corn--after compliance is checked.
- Cotton Program:** July and August--performance check-up. Applications for payment made after check-up on basis of performance.
- Tobacco Program:** Check-up of performance begins in July.
- Compliance:** East Central Region--Check-up of performance begins in July--earlier than last year. Northeast Region--State offices conduct training lessons for farm checkers, chiefly in July and August--final date for these is August 31. Before July 31, compliance will be checked on a county sample of farms; county rates of deduction will be set. North Central Region--Checking of performance with 1939 program concluded. Southern Region--performance check continues. Western Region--Check-up on 1939 compliance continues and in some areas applications for payment will be filed soon after July 1.
- Crop Insurance:** Applications for insurance on 1940 winter wheat will be accepted in county offices. Premiums will be collected, and payment of indemnities will continue.
- Regional Meetings, Conferences, Elections** AAA picnics and field days will probably be held in many states this month or next. Northeast Region July 7 and 8--AAA Committeemen, who are to attend the national AAA conference opening July 10, will meet in Washington to formulate the Northeast Region's recommendations for the 1940 program, for presentation to the national conference. July 17, 18, 19--there will be a conference of Pennsylvania's district agents in Delwater Gap, Pennsylvania.
- Soil-Building and Conserving Practices** East Central Region--application of lime and superphosphate, terracing, and tree planting can be done this month. Northeast Region--Pasture improvement and top-dressing of hay lands are good practices to push during July; other practices which are performed in July are

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seeding green-manure crops and establishing new seedings. Western Region--Farmers will be carrying out summer fallow practices; they will also be carrying out deferred grazing practices in connection with the range program, and preparing land for fall seeding of alfalfa. Other range practices will also be under way. North Central Region--application of lime and superphosphate, contour furrowing (where moisture conditions permit), construction of terraces and dams, seeding green-manure crops for plowing under in the fall. Southern Region--terracing and contour ridging are some of the off-season jobs which can be performed during the month.

TIPS ON COMING EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN AAA (Some of these are repeats)

1. Two meetings of national interest are on the slate for July. The national AAA conference for 1939, at which proposals for the 1940 farm program will be considered, will be held in Washington, July 10, 11, and 12. State AAA Committeemen will attend. Preceding this meeting, on July 6 and 7, a national AAA conference on vegetables will be held in Washington also.
2. Preparations for the 1940 wheat program will be important during the month. Allotments for 1940, and crop insurance will be of note.
3. Results of the 1938 program should be available soon after July 1. This suggests county and state stories on accomplishments under the 1938 program.
4. In corn states the July 10 crop report will be significant, for it will be the first report this year to give condition of the crop. The North Central Region in Washington plans to issue material on this subject.
5. The range meeting, at which committeemen from states with range programs will discuss the range program for 1940, is still set for July 26 and 27, at Rapid City, S. D.
6. For tobacco states: Tobacco amendments designed to simplify quota provisions have been introduced on the House calendar, and any action on them will come up in July before the flue-cured markets open. Tobacco markets will open the latter part of the month in Georgia and Florida.
7. Wheat loans and eligible storage will have a prominent place in the wheat program during July. The harvest season is on in some areas, and will soon be in progress in others. This suggests press releases and other information material about farm storage and loans, since the two are so closely related. The record of wheat farmers in storing wheat on their farms under the 1938 loan program indicates that there is plenty of experience material on which to draw from state and local sources.

8. Meetings are under way in some areas, and will soon be held in other areas on the 1939 loan program. Instructions are being given committeemen on the eligibility of wheat and producers for the loan and the making out of forms for use in the loan program. Premiums for wheat of high protein content are provided for in the loan, and these premium rates will also be discussed at the meetings. Your state committee will have information about the meetings.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PICTURES WHICH MAY BE TAKEN DURING JULY

(These suggestions are not complete, and extension editors may know of many other types of pictures which may be obtained in their states. These suggestions do not include only practices which are carried on in July, but they suggest some pictures which show results, etc.)

1. "Before and after" picture of water conservation on the range by means of a dam constructed with AAA aid.
2. Similar pictures of water conservation practices, either on the range or elsewhere, with spreader dams and terraces, contour listing, and contour furrowing.
3. Water conservation for livestock on the range, through the building of earthen tanks or reservoirs, digging wells, and development of natural watering places.
4. Control of wind erosion by leaving stalks, etc., on the ground.
5. Effects of lime and superphosphate on pastures, legumes and grasses--particularly permanent pastures. These, of course, could show improvement of stands after application.
6. Tree planting and forestry practices where they can be carried out during this period, and the results of these practices as they show up in other areas.
7. Good wheat and corn farm storage pictures. These might include "before and after" pictures where repairs are made.

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